



Martin O'Malley, Governor
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
Joseph P. Gill, Secretary
Frank W. Dawson III, Deputy Secretary

Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
January 28, 2013
Tawes State Office building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Summary of Motions & Actions

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman Bill Goldsborough, Vice Chair Dave Sikorski, Beverly Fleming, Ed O'Brien, Jim Gracie, , Kate Chaney, Mark DeHoff, Micah Dammeyer, Phil Langley, Ray Morgan, Roger Trageser, Tim Smith, Vince Ringgold, James Wommack, TFAC representative Rachel Dean

Commissioner Absent: Val Lynch

DNR Staff Attending: Tom O'Connell, Noreen Eberly, Don Cosden, Rick Morin, Steve Early, Scott Knoche, Jorge Holzer, Karen Knotts, Erik Zlokovitz, Joe Evans, Harry Rickabaugh, Marek Topolski, Lynn Fegley, Jacob Holtz, Nancy Butowski, Mike Luisi, Lt. Beth Mauk

Members of the Public Attending: Kevin Colbeck, Larry Jennings, Noah Tomasik, Michael Tomasik, Ken Hastings, David Wagner, Eddie green, Rob Hardy, Terrence Fleming, Steve Linnard, John Page Williams, Gregory Buckner, Ed Liccione

Motions:

- ❖ By Ed O'Brien, seconded by Jim Gracie - SFAC supports DNR's approach to submit an emergency regulation to rescind the new 3-rods / person rule for tidal waters (non-tidal would stay at 3 rods / person) and have follow up discussions with SFAC and interested parties to determine how to proceed with a permanent regulation after the emergency regulation expires in 180-days. Discussion by Commission and public followed, no opposition, motion passed.
- ❖ By Jim Gracie, seconded by Vince Ringgold. SFAC opposes the opening of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for catch and release Striped Bass fishing. (This is an agenda item on the ASMFC February 2014 Striped Bass Management Board meeting agenda.) Discussion by Commission and public followed, no opposition, motion passed.
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Action Items:

- ❖ Establish a SFAC workgroup to provide DNR further input on whether or not there is a need to establish a rod limit for tidal waters and any concerns with the new jug limit rule. Input will be used to determine how to proceed with a permanent regulatory package as the emergency rule will expire 180-days after going into effect. Members will be Dave Sikorski, Mark DeHoff, Roger Trageser, Phil Langley, Tim

Smith, Vince Ringgold, and Beverly Fleming. Non-workgroup members are encouraged to discuss this issue with their constituents and submit any input on the subject to Sarah Widman (swidman@dnr.state.md.us) and/or to any workgroup member(s).

- ❖ Reply to Noreen by February 18 for comments to the proposed License Free Fishing Area changes.
- ❖ Provide comments on SB 437 to Sarah Widman (swidman@dnr.state.md.us).

SB 437 – Nonresident Recreational Fishing and Crabbing Licenses – Oyster Restoration Surcharge
(Hearing: 2/4 at 1pm) Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to require a nonresident to pay a surcharge in addition to any license fees imposed under specified laws and regulations for specified recreational fishing and crabbing licenses; requiring the Department to establish the amount of the surcharge by regulation; requiring all surcharges collected under the Act to be credited to the Fisheries Research and Development Fund and used only for oyster restoration activities; etc.

- ❖ Links for Scoping, Regulations, Legislation and Constant Contact:
 - Scoping page: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/regulations/draftregulations.asp>
 - Proposed Regulations page: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/regulations/proposedregulations.asp>
 - Legislative Update page: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/regulations/legislativeupdate.asp>
 - Constant Contact sign-up page for a link to our updates to be delivered to their email (maybe also encourage them to forward it to their constituents so they can also sign up?):
<http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/emailcontact.asp>
- ❖ Provide any input regarding the re-authorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to Tom O'Connell and Bill Goldsborough.

Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Presentation on the science and obtain input on potential possession rule changes under consideration by Pennsylvania and Maryland- Jay Kilian, MD DNR Resource Assessment Service
- Update on Spot Pots - Sarah Widman, MD DNR

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th